



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0026

Introduced 1/19/2006, by Rep. Jim Watson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IX, Sec. 9.1 new

Proposes to amend the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits the State from issuing general obligation bonds or other indebtedness secured by the full faith and credit of the State if, in the next fiscal year, the resulting amount of debt service on all outstanding bonds would exceed 7% of that fiscal year's aggregate appropriations of (i) general funds and (ii) specific vehicle or fuel related revenues. Permits the issuance of bonds that would otherwise violate the prohibition if the State Comptroller and State Treasurer consent in writing. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
 4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
 5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
 6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
 7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
 8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article IX of the
 9 Illinois Constitution by adding Section 9.1 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IX
 11 REVENUE

12 ILCON Art. IX, Sec. 9.1 new

13 SECTION 1.5. LIMITATION OF ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

14 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), no bonds or other
 15 evidences of indebtedness that are secured by the full faith
 16 and credit of the State may be issued if, after the issuance,
 17 in the next State fiscal year after the issuance of the bonds,
 18 the amount of debt service (including principal, whether
 19 payable at maturity or pursuant to mandatory sinking fund
 20 installments, and interest) on all then-outstanding bonds
 21 would exceed 7% of the aggregate appropriations of (1) the
 22 general funds of the State and (2) moneys derived from fees,
 23 excises, or license taxes relating to registration, titles,
 24 operation, or use of vehicles on public highways or relating to
 25 fuels used for propelling those vehicles, including bond
 26 proceeds for the fiscal year immediately prior to the fiscal
 27 year of the issuance.

28 (b) If the Comptroller and Treasurer each consent in
 29 writing, bonds may be issued even if the issuance does not
 30 comply with subsection (a).

31 SCHEDULE

32 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being

1 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
2 Constitutional Amendment Act.